

Remarks

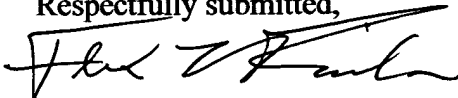
The Examiner's allowance of claim 9 and recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 2-4 and 12-15 in the application is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner has objected to claims 2-4 and 12-15 as dependent on a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2 to create an allowable independent claim. Claim 3 has been amended to reflect dependence on newly amended claim 1. Claims 2 and 5-8 have been cancelled.

Similarly, claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 12 to create an allowable independent claim. Claim 13 has been amended to reflect dependence on newly amended claim 10. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled.

Based on the amendments made, the applicant believes that all claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance and action by the Examiner in that regard is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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